

WILL NOT DOWN

REAL QUESTION CONFRONTING
MR. A. F. LEVER.

"Has He Been Faithful to the Democratic Party When He Voted for a Duty on Lumber?"

"The real question confronting A. F. Lever, candidate for re-election in the Seventh district, is not represented by his opponent, Dr. W. W. Ray, says the State. 'The real question will not be settled by the vote on August 30. Nor is the question confined in its scope to Democrats of the Seventh district.'

That Mr. Lever will be re-elected by a large majority is about as safe a political forecast as one can make. In our opinion no man in the district has or had one chance in twenty of defeating Mr. Lever this year. And there is no mystery regarding that strength. Mr. Lever has been in practically undisputed possession of his seat in Congress for eight years. Naturally affable, obliging and industrious, the Congressman from the Seventh district easily converted those qualities into valuable political assets. He has worked with the view of making his incumbency financially valuable to his constituents, and has gathered in all the appropriations he could. In that field, Mr. Lever has been a successful and satisfactory Congressman. And he has lost nothing in reputation because of his high opinion of publicity, and his success in obtaining it.

"During all these years Mr. Lever, while being on the business end of his job much longer than union labor rules would sanction, has kept far away from a political path. He has unthoughtfully any ambition that might have stirred his soul to emulate the statesmanship of Carolinians of other days, and has confined himself to business. Doubtless, his success he has had in getting favors from various departments at Washington is partly attributed to the opinion of the powers that are that the Representative of the South Carolina Seventh district is liberal in his political views and has something like contempt for that thing vaguely termed 'Bryanism'."

"And so we see why Congressman Lever is popular in the Seventh district and successful in Washington. He has industry, alertness and winning ways. He also regards the jobs of Congressman as decidedly the best thing in sight and worth working to hold during session and during recesses. As a matter of fact, when it comes to fence building or repairing, Mr. Lever has never taken a recess."

"Most business men of this day believe that 'business' is a Congressman's first and sole duty. So long as he gets immediate financial results they care little or nothing about his politics or his vote. And as it is about a generation since the people of half the Seventh district have heard a candidate for Congress intelligently present the vital material questions it is small wonder that they, too, take little or no interest in the political side of a Congressman's career. They do not know and few care what the issues are, or what are the lines dividing the two great parties. The people have been fed on personalities and jokes, and it is natural that when at Orangeburg Candidate Lever asked whether they preferred hearing national issues discussed or a joke told, the cry was unanimous for the joke. Poor fellows!

"Knowing of Lever's strength in the district and appreciating his record as a worker, it would have been as easy as it would have been politic for the State to let him proceed to his victory without recurrence to the fact that he has a smudge on his political record. It would also have been pleasant."

"The real question of this campaign that will remain unanswered when Mr. Lever is again nominated on August 30, is this: 'Has he been faithful to the Democratic party when he voted for a duty on lumber?' In the oath taken to his people here in South Carolina, Mr. Lever pledged his solemn word to recognize the binding obligation upon him of the Democratic party's decrees. That party pledged its good faith and honor to 'put lumber on the free list.' Mr. Lever voted for a duty on lumber. He says he did so because it put three millions into the treasury; the Republicans were looking after the treasury, it was Mr. Lever's proper part to keep his pledged faith to the party. He says in further justification that 42 Democrats voted for that duty. If four million had done so his obligation to vote against it would have been no whit less. But all of those 42 Democrats had not signed the oath that bound Mr. Lever when he entered the South Carolina primary."

"If 'delivering the goods' is to be the standard, then there is no occasion to enquire whether the representation of the South in Congress is to be Democratic, Republican or mongrel. When party obligation is disregarded with impunity and when faithfulness to party is acclaimed, then party principles cease to be. When 'business' stands aside 'principle,' the birthright of the party will have been sold for a mess of pottage."

"If expediency is to be the watchword, and the quantity of 'pork' brought home the sole standard, why not send to Washington a Republican representative when the Republicans are in power, a Democrat when Democrats reign, and a mongrel when there is doubt?"

BOWMAN LETTER.

Dundee Writes Interestingly of the Crops and Locals.

Bowman, July 25th, 1910. Special. Hon. Samuel Dibble has increased his acreage in sweet potatoes this section and now has about 30 acres planted. He claims them to be an economical food for horses and mules, especially during the winter and spring months.

The sugar cane crop all over this section is in good shape and looking well, but there seems to be a decrease in acreage planted compared with former years. Why this decrease is 'accountable' by the correspondent to the advance in recent years of the price of cotton. Good syrup demands almost double the prices sold at two years ago and the demand exceeds the supply. Bowman and surrounding country was noted some years ago for its large crops of most excellent syrup produced on almost every farm, large and small, but these patches have dwindled down to the production of only a few gallons for home consumption. Mr. G. A. Myers, as well as this correspondent remembers, made something over 500 gallons on a single acre some years ago. This amount per acre at present prices would aggregate something like \$200 or more per acre. Of course there is some expense in seeding, manuring, and preparation of land for a crop combined with the cutting, grinding and boiling of the syrup, yet with all that there is money in its production if properly handled.

Showers still continue at intervals over part of this section, but notwithstanding this crops continue to improve on all well cultivated lands. A considerable portion of the crop is being laid by, some in the grass but a larger proportion clean.

Felder Evans, of the Cameron section was a visitor at Bowman yesterday. Miss Ethel Evans accompanied her cousin on his return trip in the afternoon for some days visiting it that section.

Mr. John Dukes, of the Cattle Creek section, with his family, spent yesterday with relatives in town.

Mr. J. Lawrence Shuler and family are spending some days at the Isle of Palms going down Saturday morning.

Prof. C. J. Rast spent one day at a meeting of the County Board of Education at Orangeburg last week.

Campaign Day here on the 27th will doubtless be attended by the usual number of citizens. There doesn't seem to be much interest manifested in politics these days.

The county roads are in very bad condition almost everywhere near Bowman and notwithstanding the year is more than half gone no work of any consequence has been done on any of them. The writer can testify that there are trees, bushes, etc., on one of the most heaviest traveled roads, quite near Bowman that have almost covered the road in places on which nothing has been done in 19 months. The Auto road has been completed so far as Orangeburg county is concerned, and work is now wanted on some of the R. F. D. and farmers roads. They pay their just proportion of taxes for same. These roads de-hands of the township commissioner and it should be given without delay.

FERTILIZER COMPANIES.

One Has Been Organized and Another Soon Will Be.

An important meeting of the stockholders of the Home Fertilizer company was held Saturday morning at the city hall. This company is capitalized at \$25,000 and M. O. Dantzler was elected president and general manager; R. E. Wannamaker, vice president. The following were elected directors: M. O. Dantzler, R. E. Wannamaker, F. W. Farnum, A. M. Salley, B. B. Barton, Edgar L. Culler, John D. Shuler, T. R. McCants, L. G. Way, M. O. Dantzler, R. E. Wannamaker, and T. R. McCants constitute the executive committee.

The erection of a modern plant will commence in a short time upon their excellent lot on Railroad avenue. Two sidings will be placed and a shifting engine service inaugurated by the Southern railway.

The Orangeburg Fertilizer company will also commence the erection of their plant near the Orangeburg Ice Manufacturing company's plant at an early date. P. M. Smoak is president of this new enterprise. Both of these plants are big additions to Orangeburg's manufacturing industries.

Having the fertilizers mixed right here will not only be a great convenience to the farmers, but will save them considerable on their fertilizer bills. We hope that both of these mills will flourish and prove a great financial success.

St. Matthews Teachers.

After a careful survey of the field of teachers, the faculty of the St. Matthews graded school has been completed. The following have been elected: Superintendent, T. M. Hamer, of Tatum; D. F. Moor, of St. George; Miss Madeline Spigner, Columbia; Miss Mary B. Babb, Laurens; Miss Elizabeth Wannamaker, of St. Matthews and Miss Joe Ketchin of Winnsboro.

Touring the Mountains.

Mr. Cecil Culler, accompanied by Mr. J. M. Carroll left here last week in a 'Hupmobile' for the up-country and the mountains. A card shows that they have reached Hendersonville, after covering a distance of 400 miles, without mishap. They are having a big time.

THE BLACK ROOT

COTTON PLANT DISEASE LITTLE KNOWN IN THIS

Section of the Cotton Belt—Has Made Its Appearance In This State.

Mr. H. W. Barre, of the bureau of plant industry of the agricultural experiment station of Clemson college, was in Newberry recently on the invitation of the Observer, and while there made the alarming discovery of the appearance of a cotton plant disease hitherto unknown in that section of the cotton belt, though somewhat prevalent in sections farther south and west. The Observer describes the disease as follows: "Black Root" or "Will" is the name of a fungus disease which has practically destroyed the entire crop of Mr. Ed. Walton, who is farming on one of the Edw. R. Hipp places, opposite Rosemont cemetery. On this farm, Mr. Barre states there will not be enough cotton grown there this year to make seed.

The character of the disease, as explained to the Observer man by Mr. Barre, are that it is confined principally to sandy portions of high light land. The parasite first attacks the large main root of the cotton stalk and gradually builds upward, forming a fungus growth in the interior of the stalks and limbs, which eventually close and choke up the entire circulatory system of the plant causing it to wilt and die as the disease progresses. Once started in a field it spreads rapidly in all directions by means of drainage, the spread commonly following the direction of the slope of the land. Land is also infected by plows which have been used in cultivating a diseased crop, the plow being carried to some portion of the farm and used without being thoroughly cleaned.

It is not known how the infection first obtained its hold in this county; but from what is known of the history and habits of the organization which produces the disease as explained by Mr. Barre, it belongs to the same family of fungus infections that are common to water-melons and cow peas, and it is possible that it finds its origin in the cotton fields from that source.

The only successful method of combating the disease, says Mr. Barre, are the planting of resistant varieties of seed and rotation of crops. The theory of elimination by rotation based on the fact that the parasite in seeking its winter habitation, in the ground does not live over eight or ten months, and if cotton is left on the infected area for one season the germ is dead by planting time of the next season.

The United States department of agriculture is working on two varieties of cotton seed called the "Dixie" and the "Dillon," which have proved to be immune to black root. These seed can be secured in small quantities at the department or in quantities from the Willett Seed Company, of Augusta, Ga.

So great have been the ravages of black root in the state of Georgia that a measure calling for an appropriation of \$10,000 with which to continue the fight against it has been introduced in the legislature at its present session, and will undoubtedly be adopted. Of this sum \$5,000 is asked for 1910 and \$5,000 for 1911.

HOLLY HILL NEWS.

Items of Local Interest to Folks of That Neighborhood.

A team of small boys went over to Harleyville Saturday morning to play a game of ball. They were chaperoned by Mr. J. H. Wiggins, an old veteran of the game. Hamp says that his boys played a fine game and won by the score of seven to eight.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Padgett and children from Florida is visiting Mrs. Padgett's mother, Mrs. H. C. Connor.

Miss Rosa and Grady Rumph, is on a visit to their sister, Mrs. H. Horres.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gross and Mervin arrived home Saturday night, after spending several weeks in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. W. G. Moor, who is in the employ of the A. C. L. Railroad, spent Sunday here with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Heesemann made a flying trip to Orangeburg Sunday in their Overland. Mrs. G. H. Harvey, sister of Mrs. Heesemann, was in the party, also Mr. R. G. Carson.

Campaign Schedule.

The county campaign this year is a hard one and has been so arranged as to give the candidates a week between the speaking to rest up and look after their farms. The following is the campaign schedule.

Orangeburg, Tuesday night, July 26th.
Bowman, July 27th.
Branchville, July 28th.
Canaan church, July 29th.
Elloree, Tuesday, August 9th.
North Providence, August 10th.
Holly Hill, August 11th.
Eutawville, August 12th.
North, Tuesday, August 23rd.
Springfield, August 24th.
Norway, August 25th.
Pine Hill, August 26th.

Campaign Meeting.

The Orangeburg county campaign will hold its first meeting at the court house in this city this evening at 8:30 o'clock. The candidates have been coming out lately, and a large number are in the field seeking political honors and positions.

STATE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Interesting Letter From State Superintendent Swearingen.

Mr. Editor:
Though I am unopposed and not expected to speak at the several campaign meetings I ask the use of your columns to call to the attention of the people of Orangeburg the high school situation in the county.

During the scholastic year 1909-1910 the State Board of Education appropriated the maximum of \$3,000 for use in the State high schools of Orangeburg county. Under the law, this amount was expended for teachers' salaries. In every instance the board insisted on the maintenance of an efficient standard in the seven elementary and grammar grades, and allowed high school aid only after careful inspection. The eight high schools at North, Springfield, Branchville, Elloree, North Providence, Rowesville, Pine Hill and Bowman were accepted by the board, even though the amount allowed the last school accepted had to be scaled in order to fall within the maximum allowable to any one county.

The section of Berkeley county recently annexed to Orangeburg, contains a State High School at Holly Hill. This annexation increases the number of communities eligible for State High School aid. In my judgment it will be a misfortune for any one of the nine high schools thus created in Orangeburg county to be crippled in their usefulness and development. An effort was made last winter to amend the High School Law so as to allow the establishment of a State High School in any rural or village community enrolling fifteen pupils in the eighth, ninth, and tenth grade and in any town enrolling twenty-five pupils in these three grades. The object of this amendment was to authorize the establishment of such a school wherever the required enrollment could be secured.

The State High School Board already requires that all accepted high schools shall be at least five miles apart and this limitation is a sufficient guarantee against the needless and hurtful multiplication of such schools.

At the same time an effort was made to remove the restriction of a maximum appropriation by the State of \$5,000.00 to any one county. Both these efforts failed. As a result, the high schools of Orangeburg suffered.

I believe in the maintenance of State appropriations both to the high school and to the weak elementary school. The Delegation of Orangeburg county cannot afford to sit idly by while their progressive schools are handicapped. To expect a large and populous county to stagnate under the restrictions so lightly borne by small counties is idle folly. I ask the co-operation of your paper in bringing this condition to the attention of your people. The high schools of Anderson, Greenville, and Laurens counties are in the same condition and it took a division of Marion county by the creation of the new county of Dillon to relieve the situation there. In these four counties are located thirty-four State high schools and it would be retrogression to weaken or disestablish a single one of them.

J. E. Swearingen,
State Supt. of Education.

CARTARRH GOES.

So Does Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Croup and Asthma.

You can easily tell by reading the symptoms below, whether you have cartarrh or not:

Offensive breath, frequent sneezing, discharge from the nose, stoppage of the nose, huskiness of the voice, tickling in throat, droppings in throat, a cough, pain in chest, loss of strength, variable appetite, spasms of coughing, low spirited at times, raising of mucus, difficulty in breathing, loss of vital force.

J. G. Wannamaker Mfg. Co., has a sensible remedy (money back if it fails) for cartarrh, called Hyomei (pronounced Hy-o-mei) which is a vaporized air, so antiseptic, that when it is breathed over the inflamed and germ-infested membrane, it kills all germ life, gives relief in two minutes and cures cartarrh. The price, including hard rubber inhaler, is only \$1.00. The hard rubber pocket inhaler will last a lifetime, so that should you need a second bottle of Hyomei, you can get it for 50 cents.

The Farmers Win.

The upholding of the cotton tares act by the Supreme Court is a righteous victory for the farmer. It simply means that the farmer will now get what the exporter of cotton has been taking from him unlawfully. It means that a margin of profit of something over a dollar on each bale of cotton exported that was going to the man who handled the cotton between the local buyers and the foreign buyers will now go to the farmer, where it should have always gone. The margins out of which the farmer have been unbonced was enough to build up large fortunes for some people and they have been built up too. The act came about at the last session of the Legislature through the refusal of buyers in certain sections of the State to take cotton that had had over a certain amount of bagging was well within the amount of bagging was well within the discount taken off for tare on Liverpool exchanges. The Legislature had corrected that evil, and now instead of the farmers being fleeced out of what really is their own they will keep it in their own pockets.

All vagrants, white or black, loafing about the streets should be made to move on.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening All Over the County.—Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

The county campaign meeting tonight. Be on hand promptly.

The town of St. Matthews has purchased a street scraper and will now keep the streets in a fine condition.

The only regret we have is that we cannot vote for all the boys that are in the race for the different offices.

The trouble with many people is not that they have so little to give but that they are so unwilling to give that little.

Mrs. A. V. Gardner, of this city, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. H. Riley at Buffalo, S. C. She will be away for several weeks.

Mrs. J. G. Clinkcales, of Spartanburg, and two daughters, Misses Katherine and Ellen, are on a visit to Mr. James L. Sims.

It is rather by a man's every day speech and action we estimate his character than by the extraordinary acts he may occasionally do.

The ice cream festival at Four Holes for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society has been postponed until Wednesday, August 13.

Miss Rosa Dantzer, of Autaugaaville, Ala., is visiting friends in this county. Before she returns to her home, she will visit friends in this city.

The two boys near Elloree who ran away have returned home again, well tired of the life they started to live. Such a lesson should do them good.

Mr. Forrester Smith, of Autaugaaville, Ala., is visiting friends in Orangeburg county. We hope he will give Orangeburg a visit before he returns home.

Judge of probate and Master R. E. Copes, Treasurer A. D. Fair, Auditor T. M. McMichael and C. P. Brunson, are unopposed for their respective positions.

Jesse Owens, a colored man in the employ of the city has been arrested on the charge of selling liquor. He denies the charge and has employed a lawyer in his defence.

Dr. Samuel Dibble and Col. Mortimer Glover, two retired lawyers of this city, will address a big meeting of veterans of Bamberg, Barnwell and Colleton counties on July 28, at Bethesda church, near Bamberg.

A new school district has been created in this county by a division of district No. 22. The new district will be known as district No. 5. The board of trustees will be named at the next meeting of the county board of education.

The hot suppers are getting in their work. One night last week near North a row took place during one and a negro was badly cut with an axe. It is said that the others attending the supper made new running records, and the wounded man was not found until the following morning.

Mr. H. Grady Hardin, of Clover, S. C., is on a visit to Messrs. Henry and Hugo Sims. Mr. Hardin is the young gentleman who represented Wofford College at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Greenwood a few months ago and won the medal. He is a brother of Rev. E. K. Hardin, Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Prof. Geo. Harris Webber, of Elloree is at Washington at the hygienic laboratories of the public health service, making inquiries into the hook worm and other parasites. Prof. Webber has been elected principal of the Elloree Graded school to succeed Dr. S. W. Puckett, who will teach in the Lake City graded school during the coming season.

Wise or Otherwise.

The supply of talk always exceeds the demand.

Tips you get are almost as worthless as those you give.

Many a budding genius had developed into a blooming idiot.

A nagging wife makes her husband forget his other troubles.

The hairpin goes to extremes when it is used as a button hook.

No other man appreciates a helping hand like a man in trouble.

When a man does things he hasn't much time to talk about them.

Too many people look upon a friend as a person they can make use of.

An oculist can do nothing for a man who is blind to his own interests.

Some men are as anxious to secure reputations as others are to lose theirs.

A man feels as ill at ease in a dry goods store as a woman does in a tobacco shop.

Business Locals.

Balance feed for horses. Ground oats, corn and alfalfa. 55c per bu. Phone 50. Ayers & Williams.

Ayers & Williams' Dairy Feed will produce milk. \$1.35 per sack. Phone 50.

Fresh turnips and Rutabaga seed at Ayers and Williams.

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Baptist Meeting.

The Baptists have just closed a most successful series of religious services at Dean Swamp, an old church of that denomination, near Springfield. Rev. Marvin M. Benson, pastor in charge, was assisted by Rev. O. P. Gilbert, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Augusta.

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